

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: April 20, 2005

Division: BOCC1

Bulk Item: Yes X No

Department: BOCC1

Staff Contact Person: Jana Johnson-Willi

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: *Proclamation recognizing April 2005 as Fair Housing and Community Development Month.*

ITEM BACKGROUND: *Annually the BOCC has read the proclamation that the month of April is Fair Housing and Community Development Month. In addition, such recognition by Monroe County is evidence of support for the principles embodied in the national fair housing legislation. Demonstration of local support for these principles is a DCA requirement for various housing grant programs.*
Because the BOCC meeting is late in the month of April 2005, this proclamation follows an article that has appeared in several of the County newspapers announcing the month of April 2005 as Fair Housing and Community Development Month.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION: *Annual proclamation.*

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: To proclaim the month of April 2005 as Fair Housing and Community Development Month.

TOTAL COST: N/A

BUDGETED: Yes No

COST TO COUNTY: N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

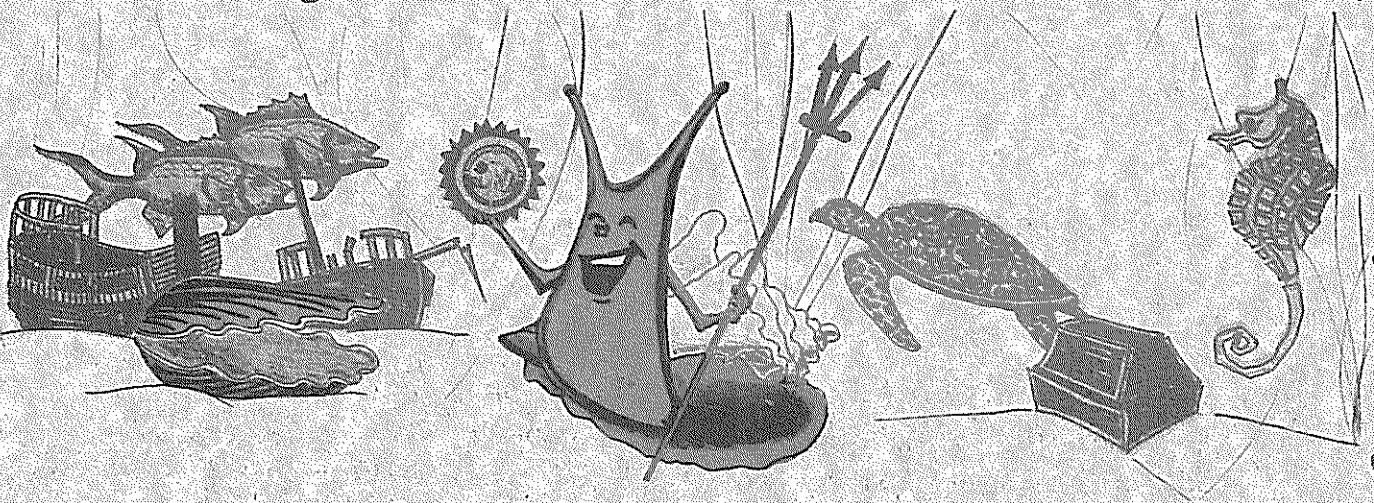
REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No **AMOUNT PER MONTH** **Year**

APPROVED BY: County Atty OMB/Purchasing Risk Management

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:
Dixie M. Spehar, Mayor

DOCUMENTATION: Included Not Required

DISPOSITION: **AGENDA ITEM #**



Mayor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the concept that all persons are entitled to equal protection of the law derived from the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution passed after the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 is known as the Federal Fair Housing Act, which made it clear once and for all that discrimination based on race, color, religion, or national origin is against the law; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, the U.S. Congress amended the law to prohibit discrimination against handicapped persons and families with children as well as protection to victims of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS); and

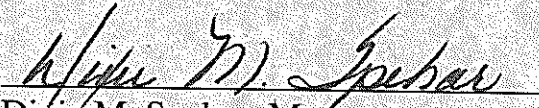
WHEREAS, the County of Monroe, through its housing and community development programs administered by the Monroe County Housing Authority with support of the Monroe County Association of Realtors, civil rights groups, and community development organizations support Title VIII and the principles it embodies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dixie Spehar, Mayor of the County of Monroe, do hereby proclaim April 2005 as

FAIR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

in Monroe County. I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our County to encourage the continued cooperation with community fair housing and civil rights group throughout the Florida Keys.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the County of Monroe, Florida, this 20th day of April, 2005.


Dixie M. Spehar, Mayor